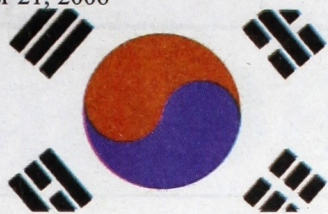


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Huntington welcomes new President

After thirty years with Huntington University, the last five as President, Dr. Doug Joblin decided that it was time to retire. The hole that he left in the position as President would not be easy to fill, and the Huntington board of Regents began searching for a replacement. "Kevin brings a wealth of academic and administrative experience to the position through his work at York University and Georgian College in Barrie," said Rhonda Lakanen, co-Chair of the Search Committee. Dr. Kevin McCormick, formerly from Georgian College in Barrie, began his five-year term on July 1st, 2006.

"My goal is to become an active contributor for the Laurentian University family, to continue to grow our existing programs and to pursue more partnerships to empower students," said McCormick. Dr. McCormick has his B.A. (Hons.) in Sociology, his M.A. in Sociology, and his Ph.D in Sociology. His main focus of study is critical pedagogy and criminal justice.

Before coming to Laurentian, Dr. McCormick was the Dean of the Institute of University Partnerships and Advanced Studies. Previous to that, he held the positions of Director of the Institute of Applied Research and Innovation, Coordinator of the Justice and Public Safety Institute, and the Coordinator of the Laurentian University/Georgian College undergraduate degree programs. Furthermore, Dr. McCormick

spent time in India developing programs and partnerships with Higher Education Institutions, as well as with the Police Service of Northern Ireland, wherein he helped to create a more inclusive atmosphere at the College. He also volunteers his time as a member of the board for St-John's Ambulance, and has traveled to Haiti to volunteer his expertise in developmental work at an Agricultural University there.

"I ensure that I can work in a place that can have an impact and make a difference," McCormick said. "I think Huntington is a great place and community." Dr. McCormick, who moved to Sudbury with his wife and two children, has had no complaints as of yet. "My family has been welcomed, and I have great faculty and students," he said. While the new responsibilities of his position are keeping him very busy, Dr. McCormick refuses to lose sight of the students who depend on him for their education. "[Giving a student] ten minutes of my time is better than having them wait three weeks [to see me]. If I'm always thinking like a student, it makes me a better teacher," McCormick explains. "I feel very honoured to be in Higher Education and to serve faculty and students." He goes on to explain his 'open door' policy, wherein he encourages students to approach him with any concerns they may have. "If I can't help, I'll make the right introductions. Then I follow up," said McCormick. Dr. McCormick has admitted to staying in correspondence with at least 150 of his former students.



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Tom Barker (left), a student at Huntington University, shakes the hand of the new President at Huntington, Dr. Kevin McCormick. McCormick took over for Doug Joblin, who retired after last year.

It is these students, and the new students that he has just now met at Huntington that inspire him. "I don't think community can be detached from education," he said. "I'm very sincere and I'm looking forward to working with Dr. Woodsworth and developing dynamic programs that will meet the needs of our local, national and hopefully international communities."

Already, Dr. McCormick has

begun to work towards improving the quality of education at Huntington and Laurentian Universities. He is searching for increased international learning opportunities for graduate students in Communications Studies and Gerontology, as well as seeking to create greater partnerships for both graduate and undergraduate studies. "Textbook learning is good," explains McCormick, "but applying it is great." He

explains how the opportunity to travel internationally during your studies is a great experience that we would trade in for a regular Graduate or Undergraduate year any day.

Dr. McCormick is very sincere in his enthusiasm towards his new position as President of Huntington University. "I do what I love and I love what I do, forgive the cliché," he said. "It's not a job to me, it's who I am."

National competition features Laurentian Student

BY MATTHEW DESROSIERS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Laurentian University student Robin Urekar is one of 55 candidates taking part in the Bootlegger Generation B competition. The company has decided to pick from amongst Canada's young and undiscovered talent to grace their advertisements. The winner of the competition will receive \$10,000, as well as be a part of the new campaign. "We wanted to do something bold in our new ad campaign and acknowledge the youth that make up Canada's cities," said Debra Sasseville, manager of the Sudbury Bootlegger. "We are truly inspired by the young role models we found to be part of the Generation B campaign. The candidates are all distinct, yet possess such strong leadership skills and passion for their community."

Urekar, 21, is currently in her fourth year of the Laurentian Bio-Medical program. "I know I

have a whole year left, but in my mind I'm already done," she said. When the company opened up nominations for the contest, Linda Dupuis talked to Urekar and put forth her name. "I was hesitant about the whole idea of it," said Urekar. "I liked the recognition when I was first selected, so that was exciting. I had been recognized among the community for my work there, but the whole aspect of the recognition for being a model for Bootlegger was not in my personality. I acclimatized to it, just the idea that my face would be on the Internet and in the stores."

Before the idea of modeling for Bootlegger ever crossed her mind, Urekar was working hard in the community. She started off with the United Way program 'Young Leaders on Board', which taught her about the governance of non-profit organizations. Once a month the group would get together to discuss ethical responsibilities, legalities and so on pertaining to non-profit organizations. At the end of the

program, each individual is placed on a board with one such organization for a year, with the option to stay on or move along when their tenure is complete. Urekar decided to stay on after her first year as a board member for the Alzheimer's Society of Manitoulin/Sudbury. Currently, Urekar sits on that board, as well as the fundraising and education committees. "The Board mostly votes on big issues," Urekar explains. "Most of the work is done by individual committees. You get a lot more input and sense of accomplishment on the committees."

If you thought that was all, think again. Urekar took her experiences and expanded on them, bringing her talents to the Laurentian community as well. "[The United Way] got me so involved and opened my eyes to a whole different aspect of the community," said Urekar. She is currently the campus program coordinator for the Leave the Pack Behind program, which takes up a lot of her time.

However, she is also affiliated with Liaison, she is a Student Helping Students mentor, a peer tutor for "a million" subjects, an Executive Board member for the Meal Exchange program, a council member for the Laurentian Associate for Mature and Part-Time Students (LAMPS), Vice-President of the Laurentian Student Alumni group (LSA), a member of the Laurentian Off-Campus Students group (LOCS), a member of the bio-med club, and finally a member of the sustainable earth club. How's that for a run-on sentence?

Urekar was very excited when her newfound recognition had some unexpected effects. "Now that my bio is on the Internet and I'm sending an e-mail out to everyone I know to vote for me, people are coming up to me and asking about the things that I do and are getting interested," she said. "It's not like I didn't promote these things in the first place, but I have more of a platform now. If nothing else comes out this, I'll be really

happy with that."

The motivation to enter this competition is no big secret. "I figured it's an opportunity that crossed my path...it just landed in my lap. For one, its \$10,000 I could win. I also received a free trip to Vancouver," admits Urekar. The reality is that while Bootlegger benefits from the efforts of these young people to market themselves (and thus Bootlegger) to their community, the community also benefits. The exposure being generated for these exceptional individuals is allowing their communities to see the outstanding work that they have done both in their lives and in their communities, which might otherwise be overlooked. "I'm a tool that they [Bootlegger] are using," Urekar concedes, "[but] if I can create some awareness about the community, and just get a handful of people more involved in community activities, that would be wonderful."

For more information and Urekar's bio, or to vote, visit bootlegger.com.

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EDITOR'S CORNER

Another day in the News

After the last issue, I had planned on a light-hearted editorial for this week's paper. In light of the tragedy that took place in Montreal last week, however, I've changed my mind.

It is difficult to understand what would drive someone to such extremes. To bring an armed weapon into a school and shoot complete strangers requires a level of hostility that rivals the Bin Laden's of this world. It is most alarming that no one ever caught on to the state of mind of this individual, who would shoot some 20 students, and then turn the gun on himself. It is disgusting that he would have a show of support from some members of his on-line community after killing a young woman.

Those people who were shot are our peers. They are our fellow students, the ones we will share our futures with. And the scary part about it is that it could have happened to any of us. Gone, seemingly, are the days where the pursuit of academia is free of mortal risk. Do we have to start screening everyone who comes on campus for weapons? Need we be that fearful of what's 'out there'? I want to say no, and



Editorial

that one crazy murderer is rare enough that we shouldn't worry too much. However, I'd be lying if I said I wasn't worried. This isn't the first attack on a post-secondary campus. In fact, this isn't the first attack in Montreal. In my books, you can't call it a freak occurrence anymore. Despite that, I'm not going to start looking over my shoulder as I walk around campus. I have things that need to

get done, and so I will continue to walk around day after day and try not to give it a second thought.

While we're on the topic of things that are messed up, this past week has been full of unpleasant situations. As head of the Catholic church, one would think that Pope Benedict XVI would choose his words a little more carefully than the average person talking with his friends at the water cooler. Comments made during his speech sent the Muslim community into an uproar, while Benedict struggled to grasp what he'd done wrong. You know, I'm thinking that maybe the Muslim community is a bit too sensitive these days. I said it. Did the Pope mess up? Yes. Is it worth flooding headlines across international media? Maybe. Is it worth extremists calling for Jihad? No. I'm just saying what everyone is thinking here, and please take no offence, but lighten up. The Catholic Church has been at the butt end of everyone's jokes for decades now, and I doubt if that's going to change anytime soon. Regardless of the Pope's intent with his speech, there is enough heartache around the world without getting up in

arms over a few insensitive words.

What else went down recently? Oh yes! I heard on the radio today about a man who got mad at his wife and threw a beer bottle at her. It missed, and hit his young son straight in the nose, causing serious lacerations. Its bad enough he tried to beat his wife, but he got his kid instead! In Philadelphia, five College basketball players were shot. Am I the only one a little freaked out with the state of affairs right now? It upsets me that I could probably keep this up for a good long time, but I think you all get my point.

I'm just going wrap up my article, finish the day, and shed a tear for the pathetic state of humanity before going to bed tonight. I wish I could leave you with some inspirational words of wisdom, but I am at a loss. All I can say is that next issue I will try to be a little more optimistic, and a little more upbeat. I realize these editorials of mine are probably starting to grate a few nerves, but maybe thats a good thing. Who knows? Until next time, my fellow students. Stay in the fight, and take care.

A Brief word from the SGA/AGE President

Well, I hope everyone has started to settle into classes and university life after the chaos of the first two weeks. We want to send a big thank you to all of the people who showed up to our frosh week events and to all the volunteers who helped us during the week. I hope everyone had a good time and was able to meet some new people while having some fun!

The U-Pass program has also been working out pretty well so far. We met with the city last week and they were happy to report that the numbers of students using the bus is way up from last year, with daily rides numbering in the 4,000 range. Starting in October the drivers will be checking cards more thoroughly, so make sure that you're student cards are updated. Also starting in October, the city will be providing us with a schedule of when the double buses (the school specials) will be running, and we'll be posting that on our website (sga.laurentian.ca) in the U-Pass section. We're also working on a student guide to Sudbury, which will tell you where all the places to go in Sudbury are, as well as how to get there. Starting in January the transit will be installing new readers on all the buses, so instead of



LUKE NORTON
SGA PRESIDENT

flashing your card you'll be asked to swipe it, but other than that the pass will work the same. These new readers will also work with the GPS units that were recently installed on all the buses, so you'll be able to find real-time information about where the buses are; you'll even be able to have text messages sent to your cell phone that let you know how long until the bus reaches your stop! We're also currently working with the city and Physical Plant on expanding the bus shelters, so that there's

more room for people to get out of the rain and the cold.

Now that things have settled down a little, and you have started to get into the rhythm of your class schedule, you may be interested in getting more involved with the university. If so, you may want to consider one of the positions that are available on the SGA/AGE Board and Executive. There are currently two Senator positions available, as well as the International Student Commissioner and Francophone Affairs Commissioner spots. If you're an off-campus student, we have five Off-Campus Rep positions available. If you are willing to dedicate more time, our VP Issues, Lyndsay Wye unfortunately was unable to return to Laurentian this year, so this Executive position will be open as well. Executive positions are paid positions, as the workload is higher than for the positions on the Board. We will be running a Board by-election to elect these positions, so any student who is interested needs to write a letter to the SGA declaring their intent to run for a position, and that outlines who they are and why they would like to be involved. These letters can be dropped off at the SGA office any time over the next little while. The Board by-election will be held sometime in October, so the sooner you can get your letter in the better. If

you have any questions about any of the positions, you can stop by the office and talk to me or visit our website for more info.

Lastly, I just want to remind everyone of some things that need to be completed by the end of the month. For those of you who have previous medical coverage and want to opt-out of the Health Plan, or those who qualify for a U-Pass opt-out, you need to have your opt-out forms filled out and returned to the SGA/AGE office by September 29th at 3pm. For those of you on the Executives of clubs, or who are looking to start a new club for this year, you need to have your Club Funding packages in by the end of the month as well. The packages can be found on our website in the Clubs section.

Other than that, welcome to Laurentian! I really believe that this is going to be a good year here at LU, so I hope that you will all make a lot of new friends and have some lasting memories from the year. If you run into any trouble throughout the year, stop by the office and tell us about it. We can't help change what we don't know about, and we are committed to trying to help each and every student regardless of their issue.

Check our website regularly for more info and updates, and have a great year!

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GENERAL NEWS

Education key to preventing shooting tragedies, experts say

Gun control debate heats up after deaths at Montreal College

BY JEANETTE STEWART
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In the wake of a deadly shooting at a Quebec college, opinions on gun control have become polarized, with advocates calling for changes to Canadian gun control policy.

And while they may hold different opinions on what could have prevented Kimveer Gill, 25, from firing on students at Montreal's Dawson College Sept. 13, leaving one student dead and 11 others injured, people on both sides of the debate cited training as a key component.

Dave Tomlinson, president of the National Firearms Association (NFA) said prevention is "a matter of education and a matter of who is doing the education."

Tomlinson said that proper training and "immediate introduction" into the firearms community is necessary for young people with an interest in guns.

Wendy Cukier, chair of the Coalition for Gun Control, has a different idea of what kind of education is necessary.

"The NFA talks about training kids," said Cukier. "This guy [Gill] didn't need any more training."

She believes that training focused on "professionals in the

community," who can identify dangerous behaviours early on, is what is needed. Cukier noted that Gill was part of a rifle club, whose "members said that they had concerns."

Gill was a licensed firearm user, with legally registered weapons. According to Bill C-68 of the Criminal Code, if public safety concerns are expressed, a review of the license or a revocation of the weapons can occur.

Cukier says that the information needs to be relayed to authorities.

"Work needs to be done to increase community ownership for community safety," she said. In a "number of really awful shootings," people say they knew the shooter was dangerous.

Currently neither the NFA nor the Coalition for Gun Control supports the legislation introduced June 16 by the Conservatives to amend the registry so that owners of non-restricted rifles and shotguns will not have to register their weapons.

"Why we would be in favour of the changes if the changes are being drafted by idiots?" said Tomlinson. His group favours allowing firearms users to be able to make the leg-

islation.

The Coalition for Gun Control is protesting the changes, saying that the current system is working. They say that "prevention is hard to measure," but their statistics show that 500 fewer people per year are killed by gun violence since 1989, the year the group was founded.

The Canada Firearms Centre reports that 17,861 firearms licenses were revoked from December 1998 to June 30, 2006, for reasons including a "history of violence, mental illness, the applicant is a potential risk to himself, herself or others, unsafe firearm use and storage, drug offences [or] providing false information."

To Cukier, statistics like this are a measure of proof. "All the major health and safety organizations support it," said Cukier, adding she believes the majority of Canadian citizens do as well.

She is supported up by a 2003 Environics poll that found 74 per cent of Canadians supported gun control legislation.

"The anti-gun majority is silent," said Cukier. "If every student in this country called their MP next week, my job would be done."

A Message from your Laurentian Off-Campus Students Society

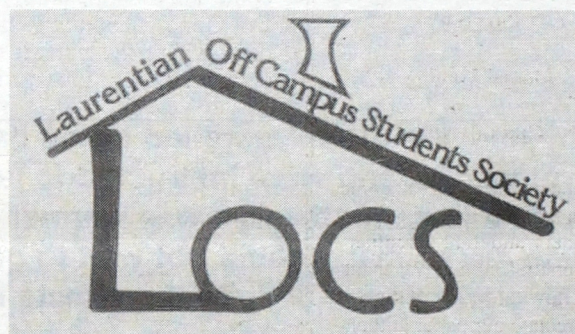
Calling all Off-Campus Students! If you are looking for a club to join, LOCS (Laurentian Off-Campus Students) is always looking for new members! Whether you live at home or have already left the nest, you will fit right in at LOCS.

There are many fun activities to be held during the year. The barbeque that took place on the 8th of September was a huge success, as many hungry students feasted away on the free food. Recently, Kush Iash has become a favourite Laurentian sport and after the well-rounded tournament after the barbeque, Adam II won with a near perfect score. A big thank you goes to our sponsors, as we could not have made the day without you. Upcoming events include a

movie night, Christmas Party, Hockey Tournament and Spring Formal! Be sure to check out this space for more information on these events or e-mail us at locs@laurentian.ca.

We are once again back in our office for the new semester. For all of you who want to check us out, we are located through the SGA office. Our office hours are from 10am-3pm Monday-Thursday, and there will always be a council member available during this time. It is only \$10 to join for the year and your money not only supports our events but also gets you a discount to them.

Have a good one,
Alyssa



Rant On!

By Jennifer Hoekstra

Dear Mr. Duncan...

Listening to CBC radio earlier this week I was disturbed by an interview I heard with the visiting Provincial Minister of Energy, Dwight Duncan. Outside of his rather obtuse remarks about drinking red wine and cuddling as a way to fend off high heating costs for the winter, I was dismayed by his comment, "conservation is not about sacrifice." I beg to differ. In fact, unless Ontarians, Canadians and the world as a whole, begin to make some significant sacrifices we're all going to be in for some serious trouble. Duncan's comment does, however, reflect the mentality of much of the population. Ask anyone whether they feel that conservation of energy and the environment is an important issue and they'll probably say yes. Most people will probably look somewhat disdainfully at the individual who drives a Hummer simply to make it smoothly over the potholes on the way to the mall, and yet how many of us actually make changes to stop our own gluttonous consumption of resources? It's very easy to say we're concerned, but it's not so easy to take the bus instead of driving, save all your paper scraps until recycling day, or pay four whole bucks for a single energy saving light bulb, instead

of buying a box of the oh-so tempting, less-than-green ones. We are a consumption crazed society, we "need" the latest fall clothing collection, and continually, and cyclically, outdo our neighbour by upgrading our cell phone, mp3 player and car, despite the extreme and unforgivable amount of waste we create. What will it take to satiate our consumerist appetite?

Ford's announcement earlier this week, essentially an admission that the demand for large vehicles has declined much faster than they had expected, leaves me with a glimmer of hope. Perhaps, slowly but surely, we are beginning to see the light. Yet the time we have to reverse the vast damage we have already done is limited, and consequently, it is vitally important that we keep the ultimate goal of environmental sustainability in sight. I am reminded of the bleak analogy put forth by David Suzuki regarding society's current habits. He illustrates our environmental dilemma saying, "We're in a giant car heading towards a brick wall and everyone's arguing over where they're going to sit." Please people of Sudbury, people of Canada and the world, and please Mr. Duncan, please, stop the car.

SGA sings their hearts out

BY KEVIN GREEN
CONTRIBUTOR

The intent was clear for Friday night. Go down to the Pub Downunder, win some prizes, and most importantly have some laughs at your friend's expense. SGA wrapped up a very successful frosh week with another classic event, Karaoke night, and people who came down were treated to four and a half hours of non-stop karaoke action.

The night began slow but soon enough an entire floor from Huntington Residence had joined the festivities. The performers from B-3rd made some good performances over the course of the night. We were

also treated to a great rendition of "She's a Lady" by the SGA President, Luke Norton. If anybody happens to find the video for this, please post it up on YouTube.

Whenever a person went up for a song, they got to reach into a bag and select a card. Selecting a card between two and ten got the person a Molson wipe board from the SGA, and getting an ace or face card scored a crazy prize from the DJ. There were coupons for a free photo sitting, gift certificates, and also some gag gifts, such as a "Candle-light Dinner" which consisted of a box of Kraft Dinner and a candle. Some cheesy prizes to go with

some cheesy karaoke.

Over the night, we realized that LU did have some great talent hidden amongst the many bad singers of the night. It seemed that every time these good singers would get up, five more people would come down to the pub. Then they would leave after I took the stage. We got everything you would expect of a karaoke night, good friends, good fun and some awful singing. It was a successful night and a great way to finish off frosh week.

Laurentian University club days take over the bowling alley

BY KEVIN GREEN
CONTRIBUTOR

If you took a stroll through the bowling alley last Wednesday and Thursday, you probably noticed a heavier traffic flow than usual. This was due to club days going on, where a large number of clubs gather in the large hallway and offer opportunities to sign up for awesome events, cool prizes, and excellent food.

Over twenty clubs and Laurentian Services graced the

hallway over the two day event. Some clubs had upwards of 150 people sign up for their events, which will mean a good time for all. You could watch the World Cup game (Head-Butt included) while eating some Italian treats at the Icontri Table, sign up to write for Lambda or host a radio show on CKLU, or get started on some large LAN parties with the Computer Science Club. There was something there for everyone, and some people (such as

myself) simply signed up for every club so they wouldn't miss all the great events. If you're looking for a specific club, be sure to check the SGA website at www.sga.laurentian.ca or check out the clubs room up by the SGA Office.

CAMPUS NEWS

Laurentian Engineers keep the tradition alive

BY MATTHEW DESROSIERS
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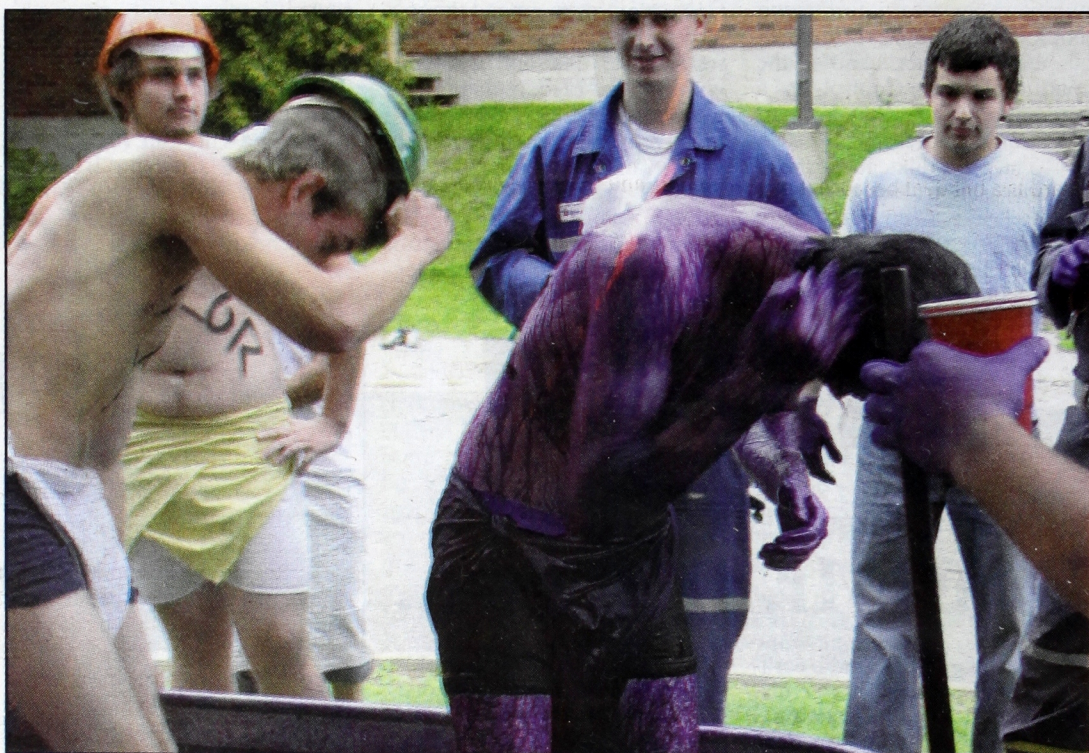
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We are, we are, we are, we are, we are the Engineers! ...

On the morning of Thursday, September 14, first year engineering students were hauled out of their classroom, stripped down to their underwear, tied up, and led outside in the chilly morning air to await their initiation into the program. Singing the age old Engineers song (see the repetitive chant above), the 'frosh', unaware of their fate, stood in front of a steaming basin of purple surgical dye surrounded by program veterans and other Laurentian students who smiled knowingly, looking on with anticipation...this reporter included.

One by one, the 'frosh' were led to the basin of surgical dye, and were instructed to lay down. At this point, the dye was warmer than the air, so many could not wait to get into the warm liquid, despite the effects it would have on their complexion. Indeed, these students submerged themselves completely into the dye, staining their skin a vibrant purple, forever marking them as Engineers. In actuality, the dye washes off in roughly a weeks time, or sooner if you scrub hard enough. For those unfortunate enough to have light blond hair, however, you may be stuck with a dye job that won't be going away anytime soon. Bleach, anyone?



The fun wasn't nearly over, however, as students were fed, and then paraded around campus singing their engineering song (do they know any others?) As to the fate of these young minds, this reporter cannot say. You may have noticed odd purple men and women walking around campus lately, and now you have your explanation.

While other programs and institutions have cut back on their traditions due to what some may call unsavory conduct, these engineers have no such shame. Unlike other Universities who might simply dye the hands or legs, at LU we do it 'old school'. Full body dye...it has been the mark of the Laurentian University Engineers for years, and hopefully we will still be seeing purple people for years to come.

CAMPUS NEWS

Metric plays the Frosh Concert

BY NADINE VISSCHEDIK

CONTRIBUTOR

After Metric's bust onto the indie scene with their 2003 "Old World Underground, Where are you now?" their music became increasingly popular. Their satirical lyrics are a critical comment in themselves on contemporary life, and on consumerism and society's present values. Starting out, Metric played at clubs all over, and forced their way into the underground scene. However, their music became increasingly popular and switched the underground style that they created and coined as their own into mainstream. This, and their opinion about that fact are evident in their most recent LP, *Live Out Loud*.

Live Out Loud is the CD that they are currently touring for, and is the one that brought them to Laurentian. Metric didn't play the whole university circuit, but they did play in Ottawa and were heading off to Waterloo after this show. In between concerts, Emily Haines, the lead singer and synthesist in the band, does solo shows. Metric was not available for an interview.

The band was recently nominated for the Polaris Award, which is a new and prestigious award given to Canadian musicians based on nothing other than quality of music. The Polaris Award is a big deal because it pits all music against each other, with no regards to how many albums

are sold or what genre it is.

However, regardless of what the panel of judges assigned to the Polaris Award think of Metric, the students here seemed a little less than enthused. Although the songs are generally popular, the music didn't seem to translate that well live. Granted, the acoustics in the Great Hall are not the most conducive to concerts, but there was still something lacking in this concert that others in the past have had. The band seemed tired, and almost like they didn't really want to be there.

Their opening band, Wintersleep, on the other hand, had an amazing performance that had the crowd pretty riled up. Wintersleep is made up of four boys from Halifax, Tim, Judd, Paul, and Loel. They didn't have a lot to say about touring with Metric, but they did comment that the difference between the bar scene and the university scene is that often times at the universities the crowd has a lot more energy even though for a small band like them, they sometimes start out not knowing who they are.

However, regardless of Metric's attitude towards Concerts, and university tours, they still rocked, and the students who were there seemed to have a good time. The frosh concert, again, proved to be a great time for all, and a great way to meet new people who share common interests.



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Metric took the stage in the Great Hall at Laurentian University on September 7th for the 2006/2007 Frosh Concert. Wintersleep opened for the popular, one-time Indie band.



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A rough guide to becoming an 'english as a second language' teacher in South Korea

BY JOHN CHARRETTE
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It had been a few months since I had graduated with a B.A. with Honours in Philosophy from Laurentian University, when I decided to enlist as an expatriate teacher. I worked for a year in Daegu, the third largest city in South Korea. It's roughly the size and population of Toronto. Emerging from the depths of Asia I retained two truths. Firstly, the world is far more exciting than you can possibly imagine. Secondly, instant noodles make a great breakfast.

Why South Korea? I do have some regard for my own safety. South Korea, along with Japan, is one of the safest, most modern democratic nations in Asia. After all, what was I going to do with a degree in philosophy? There aren't any listings for Philosophers in the job ads, and believe me I've checked. I suppose I'm a romantic at heart. I chose to follow an archaic discipline towards an uncertain end. Alas, it did allow me to travel to the far corners of the globe and attain some depth of character.

Weighing the consequences of my actions, the possibility that I might die thousands of miles from home or catch some exotic disease of uncertain origin and untold virulence, I decided to throw caution to the wind. Off I went to Asia like the rest of my cohorts in the Arts. Whatever tribulations I had to endure getting to South Korea, like obtaining a teacher's visa, dealing with American customs officials and enduring a twelve hour plane flight, was nothing compared to the daily drama of actually working and living in a strange and wonderful alien culture.

Before I get into too many details about residing in South Korea, I'd like to lay down a few basic rules that might help you get employed. Getting in contact with a good recruiter is key. There are a few agencies in Canada, mostly located in Vancouver or Toronto, that do recruit teachers. Most are reliable but deal with a limited clientele. Simply put, they don't have the network Korean agencies have. So if you are looking for employment overseas and a Canadian or American agency turns you down, don't worry. Another reason they might turn you down is experience. This is easily solved with some volunteer work with children. Though it will help you develop teaching skills and place you in a higher pay bracket, experience isn't really necessary. There are many different teaching jobs available in South Korea to post-secondary graduates. Obviously, the less lucrative jobs require less skill or experience. The most likely of employers are the public schools, which are notoriously stingy. I suggest that you keep track of your bills to see if they have overcharged you. The last barrier to your possible employment is your accent. If you have any type of accent, you'll find some difficulty getting employed.

Being French-Canadian, I did have some initial difficulty finding employment. Eventually, by searching the Internet, I found employers willing to disregard my shortcomings. Employers that

require personnel quickly ask very few questions. You must also understand that recruiters and schools are a dime a dozen and they don't offer much support or training. If you were thinking this was going to be a breeze, forget it. The next great task ahead of you is keeping your job. Once you arrive you will be evaluated for about three months. I suggest that you keep sufficient funds to last the duration of two months stay and the cost of your flight ticket back home. Not being prepared could cost you more in the end.

What could you do to get fired? Being involved in any illegal activities is definitely ill advised. Remember you're a role model. Besides that, illegal drugs such as marijuana are strictly forbidden by the government and enforced rigorously. It's best to stick with alcohol. It's both plentiful and inexpensive. You must also remember that it's all just a big popularity contest. Your job depends on the prosperity of the school. If they start losing students, they'll start searching for a new staff. Lastly, tutoring on the side. Though you only work some thirty hours a week, you're not supposed to use your free time to make some extra cash. If they catch you, they will send you packing. I should also say that the odds of them catching you are slim to none.

Having arrived, your biggest conflict is loneliness or homesickness. Keeping contact with your friends and family does help, but international calls are still very costly. Though the Korean people are very amicable, making friends could be very difficult. Most locals, including much of the native teaching staff, don't speak English. And even when you finally get a handle on their language, it might not be enough to participate in a regular conversation. You're likely to have a fellow foreign teacher working at the school as a friend. You could even have a roommate. It's also just as likely that you don't get along with this person. Another way of beating isolation is to befriend American service men and women. Most major cities in South Korea have military bases. When not on duty, most of these service men and women mix regularly with South Korean society. Take it from me; the most interesting time to be had is with a pack of drunken military men on furlough.

My most fervent memories about living in South Korea involve daily minutia, like waking up to the pungent smell of "kimchi" every morning. I lived in a rather modest area of town. The apartment buildings all had balconies on which cabbage was fermented in huge brown pots. Every morning, the smell of the locals making their breakfasts caused me to retch. Little by little, I accustomed myself to the odor and now I even miss it. I also miss the ability to purchase my fruits and vegetables from the producer. Living in the north, we are naturally at odds with our source of nourishment. Even if you are introduced to the local growers, it's impossible to meek out your entire nutritional requirements from these localities. Local produce just can't



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Teacher helps students to learn english in South Korea. There are many students from North America who travel to these countries to help teach English as a second language.

compete with the taste and variety available in a Korean open-air market.

Koreans have some of the spiciest food on the planet. "Kimchi" itself, which can be best described as Korean coleslaw, is quite spicy and flavorful. Another popular dish is "bulgogi" or Korea barbecue, which involves actually cooking your own meat at the table. It's also a great alternative, like Korean dumplings, to some of the spicier dishes. This also brings up a few more tips about shopping. Western food is available in most big box stores like Costco or Wal-Mart. They are most likely inconveniently located, but luckily for you taxis are inexpensive and plentiful in the larger Korean cities. If you are located in the outskirts of the city, or even in a small city without a multitude of cabs or shopping malls, you'll be forced to depend on the local cuisine. Aside from Seoul, restaurants are an inexpensive alternative. They also give you the opportunity to experiment. Keep in mind; Koreans do eat dogs and cats. If the thought of digging into man's best friend disturbs you, go vegetarian. Meat is at a premium in Korea, and to save on expenses many restaurants and street vendors use alternative sources. In fact, dog meat, much like eel, is considered an aphrodisiac. If you hold no prejudices, your pallet can be your guild to a different world.

Remember, you are entering a different world. Korea is thousands of years older than Canada, and many of their monuments have survived the test of time. Once there, you'll have the chance to visit Buddhist monasteries and religious festivals. You'll have a chance to participate in a way of life that is both modern and age old. Being in Korea is literally straddling the breach between the new and ancient world. Getting a guide will help you on your way to understanding this dichotomy. After all, some social issues might come up that will require the help of a Korean translator. For instance, when I was living in Korea, I had noticed a hand written note taped to a wall in my apartment. It was written in Korean and much of the note was

indecipherable, except for the phone number underneath. I hadn't paid much attention to it except for the night I moved in. I do remember it did grab the attention of the recruiter and the school principle that came to survey the condition of the apartment. A little later, my Korean friend confronted me with its significance. Apparently it was a calling service for an oriental massage. Obviously, I was quite embarrassed by this fact. I was also perplexed that neither the recruiter nor the principle chose to enlighten me about its meaning.

My last tip is about saving money. Why? This adventure gives you the chance to save up some serious coin. You hardly have any expenses. Your room is complimentary and the utilities are inexpensive. Remember, the

treasures of some of the oldest and greatest civilizations are but hours away. This is the greatest adventure your likely to ever have. Why squander the opportunity to visit the Great Wall of China, Thailand's reclining Buddha and Japanese pagoda's? After these travels you might just be penniless, you might only know basic Korean because you were too busy having fun and those hundreds of pictures you've taken might not have turned out. You'll always have the memories and the friendships of people half a world away. So take it from me, you might as well soak up some culture and some sun before returning to the great white north.

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GENERAL NEWS

Laurentian students run for Cancer

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On September 17th, Laurentian University (LU) students took to the streets of Sudbury for the annual Terry Fox Run for Cancer. Each year, students raise money, taking pledges in exchange for their promise to run (or walk) the entire distance in the footsteps of the Canadian hero, Terry Fox.

"This is our first big event for the year," said Paulette Lafortune, Residence Manager. "The Resident Advisor's (RA's) try to get everyone out. We coordinate the buses [to get the students out there.]"

The event is held city wide, so not only LU students show up. They do, however, bring a lot to the run that would otherwise be sorely missed. According to Lafortune, students bring a lot of spirit. "Definitely spirit and enthusiasm," Lafortune said. "It means a lot to most of them, some of which have lost to cancer. They walk because they care." That is not to say that no one else in the

community cares, but if anyone has seen LU students at the Terry Fox run before, then you know what Lafortune is talking about.

This year, roughly 250 students were in attendance for the run, which began at Bell Park. Students had a choice to run/walk either one kilometer, four kilometers, or do the full 10 kilometer course. Many students began at Bell Park and walked back home to residence, still fulfilling their pledges, while others, including Lafortune, stayed for the entire 10k and finished back at Bell Park after doing the entire course.

The LU Residence office sends the Terry Fox run pledge sheets to students during the summer so that they can start to raise money back home before coming to campus. When students arrived in residence, they organized a door-to-door pledge drive, which was successful in raising one thousand dollars for the charity. Ashley Orton collected the most money on her own by raising an astounding \$1,425. "She's our

top collector every year," Lafortune confessed. This year, over \$3,600 was raised for the Terry Fox foundation.

"I am on the Terry Fox committee, and they are ecstatic," said Lafortune. "They are very happy to see us, and are impressed by the students here and their support." This event seems to bring out the best in the students here at LU, who take the time out of their busy schedules in the early weeks of class to support the fight against Cancer. For Lafortune, there is no doubt that LU residence will continue to participate every year. "I've always wanted to do it," she said. "I've heard from students for 17 years, and it's sad to hear about how many young lives have been affected and lost to cancer. [Also], lots of students do their placement at the Cancer centre, so we're also supporting them. When you stand with some of these kids, [you can see] that it really means a lot to them."

The Terry Fox run is but the first of many charity events that LU students will take part in throughout the year.

Laurentian to send more of its students to Parliament Hill

By Kevin Roche
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Parliament Hill in Ottawa is preparing to host a group of Laurentian University students who will be presenting a series of government bills within the House of Commons. This is in preparation of the annual Laurentian Model Parliament, and this year they will be celebrating their 15th anniversary.

The Laurentian Model Parliament attracts students to Sudbury and has been featured in Maclean's magazine as one of the best features of the university.

The event attracts an average of 150 students each year and has been steadily growing in popularity. It is open to all students from Laurentian, and is popular among the departments of political science, law and justice, history, sociology, economics, and the natural sciences.

With this year being the 15th anniversary of the event, organizers from the Laurentian University Political Science Association (LUPSA) have been working hard to attract even more students to participate in this unique opportunity.

"Laurentian and Queen's are the only universities in Canada that hold their Model Parliament's in the House of Commons," says LUPSA Vice-President of Finances Colin McGill. "Being a student at Laurentian is a real privilege

when you take advantage of this experience... and it certainly contributes to developing future leaders of this country by exposing them to the legislative process."

Since 1999, the House of Commons has hosted the Laurentian Model Parliament. With the support of local Members of Parliament, and Speaker of the House of Commons, the Honourable Peter Milliken, Laurentian is permitted to hold its model parliament on Parliament Hill.

In addition to allowing the use of the chamber, the House of Commons generously provides all the normal services provided to government, including simultaneous interpreters, microphone operators, pages, and rooms for caucus meetings.

The event is fully bilingual and reflects the broad range of the university's enrolment, including undergraduate, mature, Aboriginal, and foreign exchange students.

For more information, please call Dr. John Peters, political science professor at Laurentian University, at (705) 675-1151, ext. 4319 or 4320, or Kevin Roche, President of Laurentian University Political Science Association, at (705) 670-9603.



(left) Parliament Hill in Ottawa, Ontario. Every year the Laurentian University Political Science Association (LUPSA) organizes a trip to Parliament Hill for the Model Parliament event, wherein students have the opportunity to experience the Canadian Government first hand. This year marks the clubs 15th anniversary.

Gerry Guimond to speak on student volunteer projects in Jamaica

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Gerry Guimond, a Sudbury lawyer, will be the first guest speaker at Laurentian University's Rights and Democracy Delegation. Since 1994, he has been organizing one to three trips a year to Jamaica to build a 12' x12' house in the ghettos of Kingston.

Mr. Guimond will be speaking in the Brenda Wallace Reading Room in the J.N. Desmarais Library at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 26 September 2006, discussing how it all started, who can participate and how to make it happen.

Mr. Guimond became the leader of this project quite back accident. He had done the legal work for the students going to Kingston in 1994 when the adult group leader had to drop out. Mr. Guimond took over and has been leading the trips to Jamaica ever since.

During their stay in Jamaica, students work on the project, meet the local people and stay at a hostel. Two days are also set aside for touring the country and maybe going to a reggae concert or two. But each person volunteering must raise about \$1,500 to participate.

The Rights and Democracy Delegation at Laurentian University is the local university branch of the Rights and Democracy Centre in Montreal.

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and who want to do something about it.

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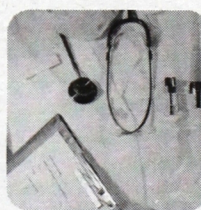
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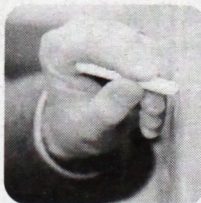
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